

Chairman Lowell Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with Commissioners Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Landis and Vap present and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused at the beginning of the meeting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Notice was duly published March 7, 2006 on Page 9 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held March 14, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

AD-339 In the Matter of FMA Alliance, Ltd., Houston, Texas, seeking authority to connect an automatic dialing-announcing device: Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

C-3049 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to conduct an investigation into possible solutions for extending the life of area codes 308 and 402. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter an order implementing mandatory thousands-block pooling in certain rate centers of the 402 Area Code, and to schedule a hearing for May 16, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

C-3506 In the Matter of Comtel Telecom Assets LP, Boston, Massachusetts, seeking approval of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange and exchange access as well as interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

C-3520 In the Matter of SKT Ventures, Inc., Dalton Holdings, Inc., and Newcastle Holdings, Inc., Wichita, Kansas, seeking approval of changes of controlling interests in Elsie Communications, Inc. and Dalton Telephone Company, Inc., Wichita, Kansas: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-3521 In the Matter of HunTel Systems, Inc., Blair, Noble Holdings, Inc. and American Broadband Capital, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina, seeking approval of changes of controlling interests in Arlington Telephone Company, The Blair Telephone Company, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, Rock County Telephone Company and HunTel Cablevision, Inc., dba HunTel Communications, Blair: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

C-3545 In the Matter of Alltel, Nebraska, Inc.; Alltel Communications of the Midwest, Inc., and Alltel Systems of the Midwest, Inc., all of Lincoln, seeking authority to issue collateralized guaranties of Long-Term Indebtedness: Gene Hand informed the Commission that the Communications Workers of America had filed a petition on March 13, 2006, to formally intervene in this matter. A hearing was scheduled for April 18th, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Commissioner Frank Landis was appointed Hearing Officer.

C-3567/ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking
PI-113 to investigate consumer billing issues in the telecommunications industry in Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle, to enter an order opening the docket and seeking comment by May 1, 2006. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

C-3509 In the Matter of Qwest Corporation, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of a triennial review order and triennial review remand order amendment to the interconnection agreement with Trinsic Communications, Inc., Tampa, Florida, for the state of Nebraska, previously granted in Docket C-2561: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order to approve the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

C-3515 In the Matter of Qwest Corporation, Denver, Colorado, seeking an amendment to the wireline interconnection agreement with LH Telecom, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, previously granted in Docket C-3220: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order to approve the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

WC-06-54 In the Matter of the petition of Time Warner seeking a Declaratory Ruling filed on March 1, 2006 with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC): Gene Hand informed the Commission that the FCC is seeking comments on a ruling that competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) are entitled under Section 251 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide wholesale telecom services to voice-over-Internet protocol (VoIP) providers.

E-2100 In the Matter of Loup River Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Boone County: Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting

E-2101 In the Matter of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Platte County: Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

E-2102 In the Matter of the Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Lancaster County: Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

NUSF-37.76 In the Matter of Jeffrey L. Pursley, Director, Universal Service Fund Department, Complainant, v. BullsEye Telecom, Inc., Respondent: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order dismissing the complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

NUSF-37.79 In the Matter of Jeffrey L. Pursley, Director, Universal Service Fund Department, Complainant, v. Telenational Communications, Inc., Respondent: Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order dismissing the complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (Cont.)

NUSF-54 In the Matter of Jeffrey L. Pursley, Director, Universal Service Fund Department, Complainant, v. Business Options, Inc., Respondent: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle, to enter an Order to Show Cause and schedule a hearing for April 25, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

Commissioner Rod Johnson entered the Commission Hearing Room during the vote on the following item.

Jeff Pursley reported on Late-Filed Carrier Remittances: Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to levy a late fee against Digizip.com, Inc. and Entrix Telecom and that Complaints be filed against Telenational Communications and Buzz Telecom Corporation. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson present not voting.

E911 DEPARTMENT

PSAP- In the Matter of Saline County PSAP, Wilbur, seeking
GISD- approval of funding for development of GIS data: Motion
029 made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle, to amend the previous order. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Kara Thielen reported on the GIS Web Portal: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap to proceed with the development of the GIS Web Portal without a formal RFP process. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Kara Thielen reported, and the Commission discussed, moving forward with PSAPs that are currently E911 and over 5000-population threshold.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

Laura Demman requested approval to enter into a Non-disclosure Agreement to obtain periodic Snapshot Reports from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Office of Market Oversight and Investigation: Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to approve entering a non-disclosure agreement. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

P-0011 In the Matter of Aquila, Inc., Omaha, seeking resolution of a dispute under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 57-1306. Commissioner Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Laura Demman reported that the Answer of Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha was filed March 9, 2006.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Angela Melton reported on legislation affecting the Commission.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

M-12964 In the Matter of Shipper's Transportation, Inc., Grand Island: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order revoking the authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

B-1628 In the Matter of OMALINK, Inc., Lincoln, seeking to extend its authority in Supplements 1 and 2: This docket was addressed under the General Administration agenda.

Rate Division

LR-267 In the Matter of Your Own Limousine, Grand Island, seeking authority to adjust its rates and charges: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order granting the application on an emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

LR-268 In the Matter of TF-CF, Inc., dba Touch of Class Limousine, Morrill, seeking authority to adjust its rates and charges: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order granting the application on an emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

TR-152 In the Matter of Servant Cab LLC, Lincoln, seeking authority to adjust its rates and charges: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

MR-930 In the Matter of Movers and Warehouse Division, Nebraska Motor Carriers Association, Lincoln, seeking authority to establish a fuel surcharge in Nebraska Official Household Goods Tariff 7-F: The fuel surcharge was decreased to 56 cents per mile.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

Grain Dealer Division

GD-2904 In the Matter of The A.R.C. Group, LLC, Lincoln, seeking a Grain Dealer License, subject to the fulfillment of all statutory requirements, for the license period ending December 31, 2006: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to grant the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the following Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

The Grant Institute	\$	597.00
Thomson West		573.92

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve Commission minutes for the month of February 2006. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to schedule the following Commission meeting dates for the second quarter, 2006. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

April 4, 11, 18, and 25
May 2, 10, 16, 24 (9:00) and 31
June 6, 13, 27

The meeting scheduled for May 24 will begin at 9:00 a.m. and no meeting is scheduled for the week of June 19, 2006.

B-1628 In the Matter of OMALINK, Inc., Lincoln, seeking to extend its authority in Supplements 1 and 2: The hearing previously scheduled for May 24, 2006 was rescheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

Upon agreement of all Commissioners, authorization was granted for Fred Massing to travel to Clay Center, Kansas on March 14, 2006, to perform a modular housing unit factory inspection of Wardcraft Homes with all expenses, including time, to be reimbursed by Wardcraft Homes.

Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, authorization was granted for Tim Sandusky to travel to Overland Park, Kansas from April 17-21, 2006 to attend the 2006 Track Recurrency Class with all expenses to be paid by the Federal Railroad Administration.

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to purchase twenty 19-inch ViewSonic computer monitors for staff and Commissioners. Motion passed with Commissioners Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioners Anne Boyle and Frank Landis voting NAY.

There being no need to address any matters in closed session, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. with Commissioners Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Landis and Vap present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 21, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on March 20, 2006.

Chairman

Executive Director